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**EXAMINER:** 

FOR:

JOINING METHOD AND JOINING APPARATUS FOR JOINING BELT-SHAPED GLASS SHEETS, MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MANUFACTURING APPARATUS FOR GLASS FRAME, AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MANUFACTURING APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS

WITH GLASS FRAME

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

## REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the attached English translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/JP2002/09234. Copies of the references cited were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 11, 2004.

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